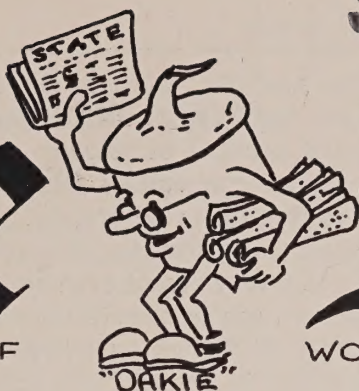


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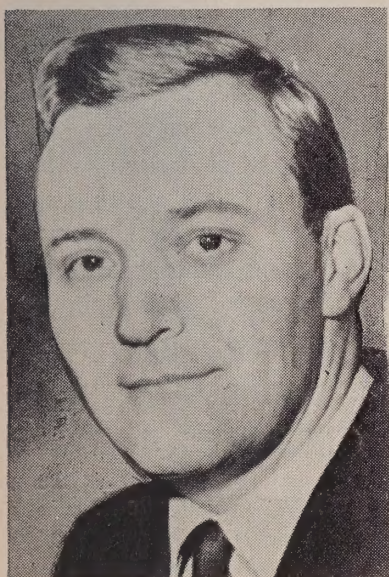
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ANTHONY WEDGEWOOD BENN

## "Reluctant Peer" Speaks Today—

Anthony Wedgewood Benn, M.P. England's "reluctant peer" will be the guest speaker at the college assembly program today. Vogue magazine describes him as, "A brilliant young British politician who was elected to Parliament at twenty-five. He has a fast-racing mind, an uncontrived wittiness and is undoubtedly a man to watch.

Mr. Benn has been making headlines this year since his announcement that he wishes to renounce his hereditary title of Viscount Stansgate, and his right to sit in the English Parliament in the House of Lords. He has been battling to remain just Mr. Benn, M.P. in the House of Commons, to which he has been elected four times.

Being in the news is nothing new to Mr. Benn. He has been making headlines in England ever since he was elected to Parliament.

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## Capping Climaxes All College Week Seniors Honored

by JOAN TETRAULT  
of the Acorn Staff

Gray skies and muddy grounds failed to dampen the spirits of Seniors as they donned their academic gowns for Capping Ceremonies. Parents, husbands and wives, and friends (such as our "compulsory friends" — the Juniors and Sophomores) saw the Class of 1963 file into the gymnasium to "Pomp and Circumstance" on Friday afternoon, October 5.

The audience was greeted by Ken Davis, class president, who in turn introduced President Eugene Sullivan. President Sullivan explained the history and significance of the ceremony, which dates back to the times of medieval universities. The capping ceremony, he explained, has lost much of the elaborate ritual which accompanied the original programs, but still retains its significance as a recognition of accomplishment.

The presentation of roses to presidents and representatives of underclassmen served to exemplify the appreciation Seniors have of the student body. Recognition of appreciation was also given to Mr. Thomas Carpenter for the sincerity and enthusiasm with which he has given so much of his time and energy to our class during the past three years. He was presented with a gold engraved invitation to the ceremony.

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### Senior Tea

A beautifully prepared tea was held in the student lounge following capping. Seniors introduced guests to the members of the

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## Third Successive Year

This year Worcester State College has seen three "firsts." It is the first year of a liberal arts program at the College, the first year of use for our new College seal, and the first year that any class has won the All College Week skit three years in a row. Three weeks ago, this festive week began, with everyone's attention focused on the presentation of each class with its skit. As evidence of the great spirit of the Senior Class, they presented a skit on "Nature." This was a surprise for everyone, since traditionally, this has been the week for the Seniors to sit back and be entertained. The Seniors have set a new precedent which perhaps will be continued by future graduating classes.

The Sophomores presented an original skit about a "little ole doll-maker," who made true-to-life dolls for all occasions. Excellent personifications of Fresh-

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**SENIOR OFFICERS** — Senior class officers at Worcester State College are, from left, Charles E. Lemaitre, treasurer; Carolyn M. Gendron, secretary; Kenneth W. Davis, president; and Stephen H. Kokernak, vice president.

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## AS WE SEE IT . . . . .

### MAY THE BEST MAN WIN

The past few weeks have been a busy time for you freshmen with the task of nominating and the climactic moments of electing the students whom you wish to have represent you as class officers. It was only after careful thought and deliberation, that your vote could have been cast wisely.

Remember the best brick wall is laid upon a sturdy foundation, and this foundation is best established by the class in its freshman year. This task is primarily for your representatives, for they must unite you in one solid group, as well as make the decisions for you as individuals and as a class.

Voting time should not have been a popularity contest but a time to select dedicated, intelligent, and mature individuals to lead your class. Only by nominating many people for each office were you able to have a wide variety from which to choose your best officers.

In just the few short weeks that you have been at Worcester State we have seen your fine spirit in academic and social response to the college. You have many hard-working and devoted classmates who would have made great officers, and we trust that your choices have been the correct ones.

BERT GOODRICH

### UNITED WE STAND

"I graduated from Worcester State . . ."

How many times do we, the present day students, hear this statement? The speaker is often a teacher in one of the local schools, or he may be a business or a political office holder. It becomes apparent to us, in associating with the alumnus, that the graduate has a deep respect and love for his alma mater. A respect and love that was kindled in student days and has since grown. The reasons for this feeling may vary but they all boil down to having retained "school spirit."

An occasion may arise where our own "school spirit" may be taxed. This is the time we undoubtedly prove that we do

not lack the "esprit de corps." Even though we collegiates do not openly voice this feeling, we show it in our activities. A good example of "esprit" is the college choir. When the time comes for an outside concert, 95 percent of the singers can be counted on to be present. Many have had to take a day off from work, and lose an evening of study in order to attend.

A very recent example of the spirit of each class, for the school, can be seen in the vote for a standard ring. Under the guise of furthering school spirit, all classes voted about 98 percent in favor of one style ring. Undeniably, this is an expression of deep affection for these hallowed walls on Chandler Street.

In my opinion, statements to the effect that we students are lacking school spirit are baseless. School activities on the social side are always well attended. How often have we come to the aid of a fellow student in need? Last year during the basketball play-offs for the New England Championship, everywhere we went, the conversation touched upon "our" team.

Every achievement of a student or a group of students makes us stand tall—bursting with pride. We do have a positive feeling for Worcester State, and one we undoubtedly will also note with pride "I graduated from Worcester State College."

ROGER CHOQUETTE

### DATES TO CIRCLE

- Oct. 19—Assembly Group "A" Anthony Wedgewood Benn  
"Report from Britain"
- Oct. 24—Cross-Country Meet; Assumption—Home
- Oct. 26—Club Meetings
- Oct. 27—Student Christian Association Hayride
- Oct. 31—Cross-Country Meet; Worc. Junior—Away
- Nov. 2—Assembly Group "B"  
First Aid Program, Mr. Roy Laramie, Speaker
- Nov. 9—Assembly Group "A" Veterans Day Program  
Cross-Country Meet; Holy Cross—Away
- Nov. 16—Club Meetings
- Nov. 30—Assembly Group "B"  
"Background to the News," Geoffrey Harwood, Speaker
- Nov. 30—Junior Prom
- Nov. 30—A. C. E. Christmas Fair, 8:30-4:30, G22

### WAS IT WORTH IT?

A price tag is found on every frame  
Of man's domain and deeds of shame,  
From the smallest pin to the highest pleasure  
Money counts and money measures.  
Each day a price climbs faster  
From a smaller realm to the vaster,  
Until it marks an equal—a friend  
But sometimes not even there does it end.  
The tag passes from one to another  
Who indignately puts it on his brother,  
To attain a symbol of prestige or love,  
But what's the price placed from above?

Helen Leone



FRAN JOUBERT

## Joubert Named Baseball Captain

Fran Joubert, a three-year veteran of the diamond, has been chosen by Coach John Mochler as captain of the 1963 Worcester State baseball squad. Fran has been an outstanding infielder and tremendous hitter for the Lancer baseball teams of the past three years. He has fielded very well at both shortstop and second base and his hitting has been nothing short of fantastic. During his freshman year he compiled a .371 batting average, followed by a spectacular .469 BA for his sophomore year, and just last year he pounded the cowhide for a .386 average.

Fran is considered small by most baseball standards, standing 5' 7" and weighing approximately 105 lbs; but what he lacks in size he makes up with an overabundance of enthusiasm, determination, aggressiveness, fight, and plenty of hustle. He is always ready to help a teammate regardless of the situation. In the words of Coach Mockler, "Franny is an outstanding and capable ball-player and I'm sure that he will not only make a very fine captain, but will be an inspiration to the younger ball players on the squad." Fran's character can be further substantiated since he is a member of the Student Council and Treasurer of the M.A.A.

Fran is only one of six regulars who will return to Coach Mockler next spring. His brother Dick, Dick Lamothe, Kevin Lyons, Dick Clifford and Carl Baldino are returning lettermen.

Congratulations Fran, and good luck to you and your squad next spring.

## Junior Prom Date Set

November 30th. Mark it down on your calendar! It's important! This is the date set for this year's installment of the junior prom. At this writing, definite plans pertaining to the type of theme to be used were incomplete. Famous for their use of a Winter theme and a Dutch theme for past proms, everyone is wondering what the "Class of 64" will come up with now.

## Cross-Country Team Defeats Nichols

The Worcester State College cross-country team opened its season two weeks ago in an auspicious manner as they defeated Nichols College of Dudley, Mass. 25-32.

It was strictly a team victory as the Lancers placed six men in the top ten spots. Wally Moroski finished second followed by Ed Fontaine and Dave Hall, 3rd and 4th respectively. Seventh, ninth, and tenth slots were taken by Dermot Shea, Joe Montimurro, and Bill Lynch.

## Track Team Schedules Meets

Ed Fontaine, Jr. Sec. II, will lead the first official Worcester State College cross-country team assembled at the college. Ed, way back in 1960, began a cross-country squad which unofficially ran a few meets using the school name. However, this year, he has the complete backing and full support of the physical education dept. and the administration. As a consequence, the Lancer squad will participate in sanctioned, intercollegiate cross-country meets with such top flight colleges as Holy Cross, Assumption, and Nichols. An infant sport on the State campus, it has already accomplished something that the basketball and baseball teams have strived for, namely, intercollegiate games with Clark, Worcester Tech, and other larger colleges. Perhaps the cross-country team will set a precedence and these same schools will eventually be added to the rest of the sports schedule.

Members of the 1962 squad who will proudly display the brand new, spanking gold uniforms with blue trimming will be seniors Mike Mulcahy and Steve Koker-

nak, the 1962-63 basketball captains. Juniors Ron La France, Bill Lynch, and Fontaine round out the upper class members. Much is expected of sophomores Wally Moroski and Joe Montimurro, both of whom play basketball, plus Tom Bostock and Dermot Shea. Dave Hall, the only freshman member of the squad, is tabbed by Capt. Fontaine as an outstanding prospect.

All in all, the team is a young team and this season as well as the future looks bright. Congratulations, Ed, and the very best of luck to you and your team in future meets.

### SCHEDULE

Oct. 8 —Nichols, Away  
Oct. 10—Assumption, Away  
Oct. 15—Nichols, Home  
Oct. 18—Worc. Jr. College, Home  
Oct. 20—New England State College Championship at Bridgewater  
Oct. 24—Assumption, Home  
Oct. 31—Worc. Jr. College, Away  
Nov. 9 —Holy Cross, Away

## SKIT

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men, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors were made by the "dolls" Included as an added attraction was the smug "man about campus" doll who was the idol of every co-ed. The Freshman Skit was a colorful musical about a frustrated freshman who visits a psychologist looking for help in adjusting to college life and the upperclassmen. They dedicated their skit to the Seniors, with songs and dances written especially to honor them.

The Junior Class witnessed another triumphant skit victory with its presentation of "What's Perplexing Gorgeous George?" This skit starred "GEORGE," a high school graduate reluctant to attend a college. Finally, after being rejected by the Navy, the most honorable "garbage" profession, and most important, his girl, George decided he needed a college degree. Naturally, he chose Worcester State College to further his education.

The skits of the 1962 All College Week were all so interesting and well-presented, that it must have been hard for the Student Council judges to pick a winner. Along with recognition of the Juniors as winners, credit should be given to all the classes for their spirited contributions which helped make this year's College Week a week to remember.

## SPEAKER

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ment in 1950, at the age of 25, the youngest member of Parliament in more than a decade. Affiliated with the Labour party since that time, he has been active in the government ever since.

In recent years the "Viscount" has attained membership in Labour's "Shadow Cabinet" in the House of Commons, and to the National Committee of the Labour Party. In Parliament Mr. Benn has been influential in shaping British Foreign Policy, especially in relation to the United Nations and the Afro-Asian World.

Mr. Benn is an outstanding speaker and debater, and is quite frequently a radio and television broadcaster on Public Affairs programs for the British Broadcasting System. He is Chairman of the Labour Party Broadcasting Committee which is responsible for all English political programs and election telecasts.

Mr. Benn has been a regular visitor to the United States and is married to a girl from Cincinnati. He has been eminently successful on the lecture platform here, as well as in Germany, France and Britain.

We of Worcester State College can consider ourselves very fortunate to have the privilege of having a man of Mr. Benn's caliber as a guest speaker.

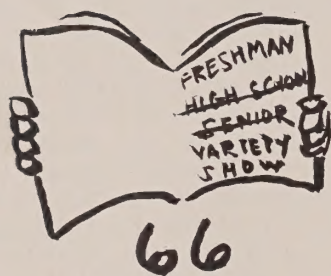
## SOPHOMORES OPEN SOCIAL SEASON

The 1962 social season of Worcester State College was officially and successfully opened September 21 at the Welcome Freshmen Dance. Sponsored by the sophomore class to help the freshmen to become acquainted with the upperclassmen; the dance is an annual affair.

Entirely favorable comments were heard in the corridors of Worcester State College on the Monday following the dance. These statements were not only passed by freshmen, but also by members of the other classes. More juniors and seniors than ever before were in attendance.

Lucille Chestnut and Geraldine Kidderis, social chairmen of the sophomore class, were in charge of appointing the various committees. Chaperones consisted of members of the faculty and their escorts.

# ALL COLLEGE WEEK



... "A TIME FOR FUN AND RELAXATION"



"THE SKIT AWARD GOES TO..."

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